

Brantingham Parish Council
Public Meeting held at Brantingham Village Hall
Monday 24th July 2023

Those present

Representing the Parish Council: Richard Powell, Louise Brotherton, Anna Caffery, Richard Shillaker, and Hugh Wood.

Ward Councillors: Councillor Richard Meredith and Councillor Terry Gill

Members of the public approximately 15

A special meeting was held to discuss the proposed National Grid Electricity upgrade to reinforce the high voltage electricity transmission network between a new substation at Creyke Beck, to the north of Hull, and a new substation at High Marnham in Nottinghamshire.

The route proposed by NG is to pass to the north-west of Brantingham Dale and then either continue on the north-west side of the existing power line or cross over and run south of Ellerker.

The first stage of public consultation has now started and closes at 11.59 pm on 27th July 2023.

The Parish Council invited members of the public and local landowner to get their views and concerns before submitting a response.

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council's initial thoughts on a preferred route were for the new line to run overground to the north side of the existing transmission line, to have less impact on the village, and then switch to the southern side after crossing the A63 /Cave Road to reduce the impact on Ellerker.

Key points:

1. The Parish Council will be submitting a response based on the views and concerns discussed at the meeting but strongly encourage everyone to submit their own response.
2. Ellerker Parish Council held a public meeting on 6th July, and it was clear that their view was to put pressure on National Grid to lay the cables underground.
3. Members of the public think it's important to support Ellerker's view as this would make for a stronger case.
4. Brantingham is in an important landscape area. Areas of outstanding beauty around the country are having pylons removed and going underground to preserve the countryside.
5. Pylons and lines would have a big visual impact on the Conservation Area with pylons dominating the skyline and the Wolds Way.
6. The potential impact on wildlife and the pathway for migrating birds was a concern.
7. Pylons are high maintenance requiring access over landowners land.

8. If the route is put to the north west of the existing pylons this would surround Elleker and no settlement should be surrounded by pylons and overhead cables
9. People think there has been a lack of information and a very short consultation time scale.
10. The need for an independent expert to advise the Parish Council was suggested but it was recognised that there was not sufficient time at this stage of the consultation process.
11. The much higher (c.10x) cost of laying cables underground, compared with above ground, would increase the standing charge for electricity in the UK
12. The National Grid are wanting to use the cheapest option and not considering the visual impact.
13. The Skipsea to Bentley corridor has managed to successfully secure underground cables.
14. Other points raised included the possibility of having a completely different route for the new power line (including a much longer subsea section) and the need to push hard to preserve the landscape for future generations.
15. David Davis had been approached asking for his support to put pressure on the National Grid asking for the cables to be placed underground.

It became very clear at the meeting that the initial thoughts of the Parish Council were not supported. Residents and landowners felt very strongly that the only option is to have the cables laid underground and the Parish Council will submit their response accordingly.